

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are seven (7) sheets of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes: reference numerals are corrected in Figures 1, 2a, 3, 4, 5a, 5b and 6.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-19 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Drawings

Applicants have amended drawings to correct the reference numerals for the speaker and microphone. Clearly these have been reversed since the speaker should be nearer the user's ears and the microphone should be nearer the user's mouth.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 12-14, 16, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Kaario (U.S. Patent 6,563,424). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, Applicants question the inclusion of claim 16 as part of this rejection. Claim 16 depends from claim 15 which was not included in this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 16 is improperly included.

The Examiner states that Kaario shows communication clothes for connecting the signals of a mobile phone including a garment 11, connectors 24, 26, speaker 42 and ear phone 41 mounted on headset connector 44. Applicants submit that the present invention is not anticipated by this reference.

While the reference does show clothes including a connector 4 connecting a mobile telephone, however the reference does not show a speaker and microphone which are embedded in the clothes and proximate to the ears and mouths of the user. That is, in the present invention microphone 30 and speaker 40 are the embedded in clothes in as close a position as possible to the mouth and ears of the user so that an external headset is not necessary. This concept is not seen in the Kaario reference. The Examiner has indicated that the headset shown in Kaario is located on the clothes. Applicants have now amended claim 1 to make it clear that the speaker and microphone are “embedded in” the clothes. This is clearly not seen in Kaario. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by this reference.

Furthermore, Kaario discloses that the speaker and the microphone are in contact with the user directly. It would be difficult to adjust the size of the clothes to achieve the present invention. It is necessary to consider the types of speaker and microphone.

Claims 2-19 depend from claim 1 and as such are also considered to be allowable. In addition, these claims recite other features of the invention which make them additionally allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Kaario. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner feels that it would be obvious to use this arrangement in a suit and also to provide a jacket with a hood or cap. The Examiner also feels that it would be obvious to hide the speaker and microphone with the collar. Applicants submit that it would not be possible to hide the headset of Kaario with a collar. It is only if the speaker and microphone are embedded in the clothing that such hiding can take place. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 15 is not obvious over this reference. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all of the claims are not obvious over this reference for the reasons recited above, namely that Kaario does not show the microphone and speaker embedded in the clothes.

Claims 5-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Kaario in view of Spanyol (U.S. Patent 6,155,841). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner cites the Spanyol reference to show a keyboard mounted on a sleeve which can be connected to a mobile phone. The Examiner feels it would have been obvious to utilize this feature with the clothing mounted phone of Kaario.

Applicants submit that it would not be obvious to make this combination. In the Spanyol device, the keyboard is connected to an external mobile phone while in Kaario, the phone is also mounted in the clothing and the two are connected by a wire which is hidden within the clothing. Accordingly, Applicants submit that it would not be obvious to utilize the arrangement of Spanyol since it does not teach the concept of hiding the connecting wire. Further, neither Kaario

nor Spanyol teach the idea of mounting the speaker and microphone within the clothing.

Applicants have also amended claims 11 and 19 to remove the designation of the wires as "first" or "second". Since these claims are separately dependent, the numbered designations are unnecessary.

CONCLUSION

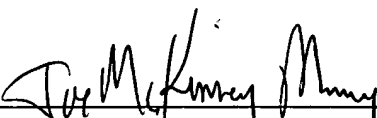
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner either alone or in combination. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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